can Hibiscus Society Chapters over the state or elsewhere in the hibiscus belt. Blue Ribbons mean points compiled in the race for the AHS Trophy, awarded every year.

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TOPICS OF INTEREST

HIBISCUS IN THE SIXTH STATE FLOWER SHOW, FLORIDARAMA

On December 6-7-8 the State Flower Show of the Federated Garden Circles, was staged at Eustis, Florida. The National Guard Armory was the locale for this show, which was a beautiful, well staged production and certainly a credit in all particulars to those responsible for its success. The austerity of the auditorium was very effectively overcome and fine balance and artistry was evidenced on all sides.

Among the organizations invited to participate in the Show, was the American Hibiscus Society. Although the timing was wrong hibiscus-wise, Putnam Chapter of the Society assumed responsibility for an exhibit representing the group. Of course it was not possible to produce an exhibit comparable to the exotic offering of our summer shows, but it was possible to make an adequate showing and more than one hundred varieties were entered. The quality of these blooms was certainly not the superb show quality to which hibiscus fanciers are now accustomed, but they did give a fair representation of the great beauty of hibiscus.

A Christmas theme was developed and faithfully portrayed. What the bloom lacked in quality was made up by the Putnam Group with their Educational Exhibit. Especially, is it timely to recognize the fine, unsel-

fish service of so many of the men of Putnam Chapter. The exhibit was attended at all hours that the show was open to the public and demonstrations of grafting, together with suggestions for proper care and fertilization was offered by the Chairman of the Educational Committee of Putnam Chapter.

Many members of the chapter were in attendance at this exhibit during the three day run of the show, and a very fine spirit of cooperation was evidenced, which kept the exhibit lively, interesting and informative.

It is certainly very satisfying to know that the effort of this group was awarded a Gold Rosette with a citation which we quote:

PUTNAM COUNTY CHAPTER A.H.S.

"Gold Rosette awarded for well co-ordinated staging; for number of varieties and condition of bloom considering unfavorable weather. Suggest use of hibiscus thru out for unity."

SPECIAL AWARDS PANEL

Mmes. White and Melville

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Dear Mrs. Calais:

I received your card dated Winter Park, Fla., Dec. 10 on Dec. 12 at about the time your flight from Tampa was due to arrive. As the phone here is not listed in my name, I called the airport in an effort to contact you on your arrival but was told your flight had been in for sometime. I then called Mrs. L. B. Blackstone and asked that she give you my number in the event you called her. Thurs. evening of this week she called to tell me you had tried unsuccessfully to call her that day. She too tried to reach